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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3739

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Francis AMOAH

Group Art Unit: 3739

Application No.: 10/727,618

Examiner: R. Rollins

Filed: December 5, 2003

Docket No.: 114975

For: ELECTROSURGICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 26, 2005, Office Action, and the interview held March 23, 2005, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-22 are pending.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Rollins in the March 23, 2005 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) being anticipated by Stern et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,755,715 (Stern). As claims 2 and 7 have been cancelled, the rejection does apply. As to claims 1, 3-6 and 8-22, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

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Sir:

In further reply to the January 26, 2005, Office Action, the March 23, 2005, interview, the March 24, 2005, filed Request for Reconsideration; the April 26, 2005 Advisory Action; and a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**

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